

SB 0637 SB 0894 Small Cell Infrastructure bills

As an elected representative of Northfield Township I'm concerned with the direction that these "small cell infrastructure" bills are taking, which tramples the rights of local authorities / local units of government.

In order to protect and ensure the best interest of constituents, non - essential infrastructure such as this, needs to be controlled and authorized by local governing units. The people, neighborhoods, and communities, need to have a voice, local municipalities ARE that voice. Various communities have different interests, desires, and needs. This is why our government is structured as it is in order to protect the refreshing liberty of diversity.

According to the official analysis of this bill, it "Prohibits an authority (the State or Local unit) from prohibiting or charging for the collocation of small cell wireless facilities, except as provided in the Act." That is in direct conflict to the reasons why I was elected a trustee to my township. This Act removes the rights of the people, it tramples self governance.

Why is this a statewide bill driven by industry? Naturally, this technology ought to be driven by demand, by the free market, by the local consumer. Why this relentless push?

People are beginning to clearly see, that the further away from home policies are made, the more likely these policies become tainted with lobbyist influence.

Let there be respect for local governing units. Protect YOUR rights, the rights of local jurisdictions to authorize, regulate, or deny "small cell infrastructure", and any other, non – essential infrastructure and technologies in our communities.

It requires exceptional character to fearlessly and selflessly stand firm for the protection of liberty and, to do the right thing.

Sincerely and respectfully,
Tawn Beliger
Northfield Township Trustee
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